

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the information is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d). The implementation Report has been sent to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs/Lok Sabha Secretariat by this Ministry vide O.M. No. 1/62/95-M.V dated 11.10.96.

Job through Employment Exchange

923. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated September 19, 1996 captioned, 'job through employment exchange. SC holds Govt. mode unconstitutional; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The judgement of the Supreme Court is being examined in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training, which is the nodal Department in this regard.

Right to Job

924. SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to include 'Right to Job' as a Fundamental Right in the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : The Central Government do not propose to include "Right to Job" as a Fundamental Right in the Constitution, mainly on account of resource constraints.

Committees for Air Safety

925. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up two committees to study Air Safety;

(b) if so, the main points referred to the Committees; and

(c) the time by which these two committees are likely to submit their report?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal (Retd.) J.K. Seth has been set up to review the existing set up of Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Aircraft Act, 1934, Aircraft Rules, 1937 and various safety regulations to ensure air safety and efficient regulatory control on aviation activities. The other committee has been constituted for creating safety awareness and dissemination of safety information.

(c) The tenure of the Air Marshal (Retd.) J.K. Seth committee is six months and that of the other committee is one year with effect from 3.9.96.

Memotel Speed Recorders

926. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Board had placed orders for Memotel Speed Recorders in 1989;

(b) if so, whether the contractor has supplied memotel speed recorders in time;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the loss incurred by the Government as a result thereof due to increase in rate of foreign exchange;

(d) the total loss incurred by the Government;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to recover the loss;

(f) whether any responsibility has been fixed for these irregularities;

(g) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon, and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) An order for 20 sets of Microprocessor based speed indicating and recording system TELOC 2000 D was placed in November, 1989.

(b) The material ordered was supplied by the contractor within the contractual delivery period. However, this was replaced by Memotel type speed recorders in April, 96 at no extra charge.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Nil.

(e) to (h). Does not arise.

Quality of Imported Tin Plates

927. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the tin plates being imported are not of the desired quality and even some plates are painted;

(b) whether sub-standard and painted tin plates have fused danger to the health of the public;

(c) whether the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore has also warned against the use of sub-standard tin plates; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to counter the adverse effect of these plates on the health of the people?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d). As per available information, in addition to prime quality tin plates, tin plate waste and tin plate waste—waste are also being imported into the country. As per the Rule 49 of the Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, the use of second-hand tin and tins which are imperfectly tinned is prohibited for packing edible oils and fats. Whenever, the regulatory authorities, the importers or the actual users seek the advice of the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore on the quality of tin plate or the containers, the Institute analyses, evaluates and gives its advice as per the prevention of Food Adulteration Act administered by the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with special reference to the contaminants in foods.

Pending PCO/STD/ISD Applications

928. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria laid down for the allotment of PCO/STD/ISD booths;

(b) the names of the allottees alongwith the grounds on which the said booths have been sanctioned to them during the last three years, till date, State-wise;

(c) the number of applications pending for sanction of such booths State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the pending applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) STD. PCOs are allotted to educated unemployed persons. Educational qualification is 8th pass for rural areas and Matric/High School pass for Urban areas. Preference is given to the following categories of persons :

- (i) Handicapped including blind persons.
- (ii) SC/ST applicants.
- (iii) Ex-Servicemen/War Windows.
- (iv) Retired DOT employees or their dependents.
- (v) Dependents of Freedom Fighters.
- (vi) Charitable Institutions/Hospitals.

(b) STD PCOs are allotted by STD PCO Allotment Committees to eligible applicants taking all factors into account. Number of PCOs allotted during last three years, till date are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the States/ Circles/Districts	No. of STD PCOs allotted from 1.4.93 to 30.9.96.
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	9
2.	Andhar Pradesh	4933
3.	Assam	1483
4.	Bihar	3497
5.	Gujarat	6728
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	330
7.	Kerala	5756
8.	Karnataka	5326
9.	Madhya Pradesh	6706
10.	Maharashtra	9186
11.	Orissa	1999
12.	Haryana	2068
13.	Himachal Pradesh	371
14.	Punjab	7246
15.	Rajasthan	5052
16.	North Eastern	454
17.	Tamil Nadu	3924
18.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	9571
19.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	
20.	West Bengal	1499
21.	Mumbai	4114
22.	Delhi	3948
23.	Calcutta	4269
24.	Chennai	2417

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Introduction of train services is Agra

929. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court and other Parliamentary Committees have submitted a proposal to the Government to introduce local train services in Agra and on other routes of Taj protected area to check vehicle pollution and to protect the Taj Mahal from environmental pollution;